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My Dear Dr. Brown and Dr. Halsey:-

There are four matters in my Missions regarding which you may need information in going up to the Assembly:

The most important probably is the question of union with the Cumberland Church. I enclose herewith all the papers which I think you will need. The question came up last fall in a practical form on the basis of letters from Dr. Roberts to Dr. Brown. These referred especially to the legal questions involved in the proposed union. The matter was laid before the Board, and a Committee, consisting of Dr. Alexander and Mr. Stiger was appointed to consider the relation of the union to the legal rights of the Board. You will recall the various actions of the Roard and the many discussions, all of which are, so far as they were expressed in formal judgment, recorded in the Minutes of the Board. final outcome was the adoption by the lawyers of the four Boards in New York City, of a joint report, which was presented by Mr. Stiger to our Board on February 19th, and communicated to the Committee of the General Assembly. I enclose herewith a copy of Dr. Robert's letter of October 21st to Dr. Brown, enclosing a copy of the Charter of the Cumberland Board, and also a copy of its general report of the Counsel of the Four Boards in New York. Dr. Brown must have Dr. Roberts' previous letter in his files.

In addition to the legal questions, however, there were administrative questions involved. These came up in an interview which I had with Dr. Fullerton and Mr. Hubbard here last October. They were discussed by the Council and reported to the Board, which referred them to a Committee consisting of Dr. Alexender, Mr. Stiger and the Council. I enclose a copy of my letter of November 10th, 1905, to Dr. Alexander and Mr. Stiger, summarizing the points that seemed to to need attention. The matter was taken up by the Committee and a report was

agreed upon. Before it could be presented to the Board, a sub-Committee of the General Assembly's Committee came over to New York to consult with the New York Boards. You will remember this meeting. In consequence of the duscussions which took place then, the report of our Committee to our Board was modified somewhat. It was presented on February 19th, and was approved, not as a final arrangement, but as a basis of conference with the Cumberland Board. Such a Conference was held in Nashville, on March 1st, at which, unfortunately, I was the only representative of our Board. This Conference was reported to our Board at its meeting on March 19th, and the suggestions made were approved as the basis of further conferences. I enclose a copy of the paper submitted to our Board at this meeting. The exact language of the Minutes with reference to it was as follows:

The Council presented to the Board a report on a Conference held at Nashville, on March 1st, with the Officers of the Cumberland Presbyterian Board, and the arrangements made in this Conference were approved by the Board as superseding those suggested by the special Committee of the Board at its meeting on February 19th, and the Council was authorized to proceed with the consideration of the various points in conference with the Cumberland Board, and with the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., and was authorized to report the general arrangements contemplated, to the Committee of the General Assembly on union with the Cumberland Church; all such actions and conferences to be tentative, however, depen ent upon the actual consummation of union between the two Churches. The report of the Conference at Nashville was as follows:

I sent a copy of this paper also to Dr. Roberts, at his rejuest, and to Dr. Fulfor lerton and Mr. Patterson. Mr. Patterson writes that Dr. Fullerton and himself that the paper accurately represents the conference in Nashville, and they were to have laid it before their Board at its meeting the middle of April. No word has come as to what was done at that meeting, and although I have written to Mr. Patterson to tell him how interested we were to know what action their Board might take. The matter stands, accordingly, at this point.

2. The second matter of importance is the question of the doctrinal standard to be adopted by union Churches in which the Southern Presbyterian Church and we would unite on the Mission field. This grew out of the correspondence over the mixmaxian constitution of the Theological Seminary in Nanking on which we unite with the Southern Presbyterian Mission. I enclose herewith copies of the Minutes

of the Board of Directors of the Seminary for the last two years, in which you will find the Constitution of the Seminary. And my letter of November 21st, 1905, to Dr. Chester, with his replies of November 27th and December 6th, and my answer of December 19th. These will give you all the information. The exact action of our Board at its meeting of December 18th, was as follows:

A letter was laid before the Board, from the Rev. S. H. Chester, D. D., Secretary of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions of the Southern Presbyterian Church, expressing his conviction as to the entire reasonableness of the Board's suggestion as its meeting of November 20th, with reference to Article "5" of the Constitution of the Union Theological Seminary at Nanking, and stating that he had laid the matter before the Executive Committee, and that it had voted that, asinasmuch as the determination of the suestion was not within its province, to lay the suggestion of the Board before the Southern General Assembly at its next meeting, with the recommendation that it be complied with. Dr. Chester wrote —

Board that we are unanimously of the opinion that the best possible doctrinal standard in all places where the work of our cooperating Churches in foreign fields requires the adoption of such a standard, would be the Shorter Catechism printed without the questions. In so far as we may legitimately do so, we would be glad to cooperate on the effort to have this made the creedal basis wherever a Presbyterian Church is organized in any foreign field as the result of our joint efforts."

Inasmuch as the question involved is a question for the determination of the Assembly, and not within the province of the Board, it was voted to refer the matter to the next General Assembly with the expression of the Board's cordial assent if such a measure should meet the approval of the Assembly.

It seems to me that if the Assembly takes the matter up, it ought to do so in a way not to hinder and bind the Missions in the future. The Westminster Shorter Catechism with the questions eliminated would be a very much better Creed to give the new Presbyterian Churches in Korea and China than the Westminster Confession, which has grown out of our own past, and is not the creedal statement which would be natural to these Churches. But I do not think our missionaries ought to be so tied that they cannot go into any such union movement except on a creed such as the answers in the Shorter Catechism. I believe they ought to be free to do what they have done in Japan, what the Southern missionaries also have done in Japan, namely, cooperate in the union even on the basis of the Apostles' Creed, or the Apostles Creed with two such supplementary articles as were added to the Apostles Creed in order to make the Creed of the Church of Christ in Japan. You may need to have this Creed, which is as follows:

"The Lord Jesus Christ, whom we worship as God, the only begotten Son of God, for us men and for our salvation was made man and suffered, He offered up a perfect sacrifice for sin; and all who are one with Him by faith are pardoned and accounted righteous; and faith in Him working by love purifies the heart.

"The Holy Ghost, who with the Father and Son is worshiped and glorified; reveals Jesus Christ to the soul; and without His grace man being dead in sin cannot enter the kingdom of God. By Him the prophets and holy men of old were inspired; and He speaking in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments is the supreme and infallible judge in all things pertaining unto faith and living.

"From these Holy Scriptures the ancient church of Christ drew its Confession; and we holding the faith once delivered to the saints, join in that

Confession with praise and thanksgiving:

"I believe in the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; "And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into Hades; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

"I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the

life everlasting. Amen."

It is well to remember that on this creedal basis, our Church, the Southern Presbyterian, the Cumberland Presbyterian, the German and Dutch Reformed and the Scotch Presbyterian Churches all came together in Japan. It is well to remember, also, that the Church of Christ in Japan with this Creed alone has been admitted to the Alliance of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches. Now the Assembly ought not to take action that would stultify the past in the case of the Churches in Japan. It ought to leave the missionaries free to do in other fields what they did there. But I think it would be a good thing if it would join with the Southern Assembly in saying that no more than the Shorter Catechism should be required. It ought not to say that no less will suffice.

The following two paragraphs from Ritter's "History of Protestant Missions in Japan" will be of interest an this point:

"Noteworthy in this connection is the response of the Synod made a year mgm or two later to an invitation received from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America, to take part 'in the preperation of a short creed containing the essential articles of the Westminster Confession, to be used as the common creed of the Reformed Churches throughout the world holding the Presbyterian system.' The response contained an expression of respect and gratitude for 'many kindnesses' received 'through many years,' but along with this a statement of the conviction as held by the Synod that its participation in such an effort would prove a hindrance instead of a help, because of the markedly different conditions under which it labors and for which it must Feeling that the purpose underlying the invitation might be the drawing up of 'a document setting forth a differentiating system of Theology,' and

not only 'the truths necessary to a vital Christianity,' and that because of the peculiar array of forces opposed to it, its role must be played in the latter and

not in the former direction, the Synod replied in the negative.

"It is further noteworthy that when an application was made for admission to the Pan-Presbyterian Council in 1892, and was accompanied by a copy of the newly adopted creed that the Council might be able to determine as to the eligibility of a church holding such a standard, the Council by granting the aplication ipso facto decided that the creed was 'in harmony with the Concensus of Reformed Confessions."

The General Assembly has already approved of Presbyterian union in You will find its action on Page 220 of the Minutes for 1904. China.

That this Assembly heartily approves of the movement toward the union of the Presbyterian bodies in China, provided only that it can be vansummated under conditions acceptable to our Board of Foreign Missions and to this Assembly, when the time for the consummation of such union shall arrive.

That this Assembly approves of the proposed Federation of the Evangelical Protestant Churches in China, provided only the objects contemplated in the said proposed Federation, and the details thereof, are approved by our Board of Foreign Missions.

Our Board has of course approved. You will find all the facts stated in the accompanying report of the third meeting of the Presbyterian Union on China. one point that needs to be looked after is the paragraph marked on Page 28 of this report. I presume the Presbyteries referred to have sent up their request formally to the General Assembly, but probably Dr. Fitch of Shanghai, will be looking after it. You will see, however, that the first meeting of the united Synod of Central China is appointed to convene on the fourth Thursday in this May. I suppose it will be necessary, accordingly, for the General Assembly to take action before that day, and for you or Dr. Fitch to cable out to Shanghai, in order that our Presbyteries may know that the Assembly is willing to set them aside to unite with other Presbyterian bodies in forming the new Synod. It may be that I misunderstand the action, and that there is no need of any present action by the Assembly. It might be well if you would see Dr. Fitch about the matter.

The fourth matter is our union with the Foreign Christian Missionary Society (the Disciples) in academic education in Nanking. This is not theological education. That we cooperate in with the Southern Presbyterians in Nanking. I enclose letters from Mr. Williams containing the proposed basis of union. action of our Board was favorable. So also was that of the Foreign Christian

Missionary Society, with the exception noted in Dr. Mclean's letter of April 16th, which our Board accepted at its meeting on May seventh.

Very faithfully yours,

toward co-operation and union, not only among churches holding the Presbyterian system, but among all evangelical churches, is an attitude of unlimited sympathy and approval. It has been given formal expression repeatedly both by the Board and by the General Assembly, notably in the action of the Board on May 15th, 1900, which was approved by the General Assembly the same year in the adoption of the Report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions, as follows:-

"No more important administrative problem than that of interdenominational comity on the Foreign Field is at present before the mind of the entire Church.

"And your Committee notes with sincere gratitude and satisfaction that the subjoined action taken by the Board at a meeting held in New York, May 15, 1900, will, if approved by this Assembly, place our beloved Church in the very forefront of that ironic movement which has as its chief aims the promotion of a spirit of brotherhood among missiomaries of the several denominations working side by side in non-Christian lands, and the furtherance of a native Church rooting itself deeply in the soil of the lands evangelized.

"The following is the action of the Board horein referred tor'Believing that the time has come for a yet larger measure of
union and co-operation in mission work, the Board would ask the General
Assembly to approve its course in recommending to its missions in various
lands (in line with the General Assembly's action of 1887, Minutes, p.25,
having in view building up independent national churches holding to the
Reformed doctrine and the Preabyterian polity) that they encourage as far
as practicable the formation of union churches, in which the results of the
mission work of all the allied evangelical Churches should be gathered,
and that they nobserve everywhere the most generous principles of missionary
comity; and, further, it is voted that the Board now adopt the statement of
policy prepared by its Special Committee on Policy and Methods, and submitted
to many of the missionaries and approved by them, as follows:

"In view of the Board, the object of the Poreign Missionary

enterprise is not to perpetuate on the mission field the denominational distinctions of Christendom, but to build up on Scriptural lines, and according to Scriptural principles and methods, the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. There Church union cannot be attained, the Board and Missions will seek such divisions of territory as will leave as large districts as possible to the exclusive care and development of separate agencies. It is believed that in other regards, also, missionary comity should be given large range:

(1) Salaries of native workers should be so adjusted among missions as not to introduce an element of dispatisfaction among the workers of any Mission, or to tempt them away from the Mission with which they are connected.

(2) Each Mission and the churches connected therewith should recognize the acts of discipline of other Missions and the Churches connected with them.

(5) In co-operative educational work, and especially where the schools of one Mission train helpers for other Missions, the latter should render some compensatory service. (4) Printing establishments are in many Missions required by the missionary work. Such should not be necessarily duplicated.

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(5) A hospital invariably opens wide opportunities for evangelistic work. Until these are properly utilized, it is not judicious or economical to establish other hospitals, the results of whose establishment will be to multiply further unutilized spiritual opportunities. (6) Felicuship and union among native Christians of whatever name should be encouraged in every possible way, with a view to that unity of all disciples for which our Lord prayed, and to which all mission effort should contribute."

The following survey will show the extent to which it has been possible thus far to carry those principles into effect:

In Brazil, the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. and the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. have consolidated the results of their work, having formed an independent Symod of Brazil, in 1888, with which and with one another the Missions of the two Churches have ever since closely co-operated.

In Mexico, the same two Charches united in the formation of an independent Synod, in 1901, and the Mesions of the two Charches use there the same educational institutions, supported by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Charch in the U.S.A.

of the Reformed (Dutch) Church in America and the Reformed (German) Church in the U.S., the Presbyterian Church in the U.S., and the Tomen's Union Missionary Society in co-operating with the Church of Christ in Japan, a strong organization, of 59 self-supporting and independent congregations, holding the Presbyterian system. A union college and a theological seminary is manned in Tokyo by the Church of Christ, the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., and the Reformed (Durch of America; and prior to the union of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, these bodies were united in a strong school for girls in the city of Osaka.

In India, a united Prosbyterian Church was established, in 1904, comprising the churches and native pasters and missionaries connected with the Prosbyterian Church in the U.S.A., the Canadian Prosbyterian

Church, the Reformed (Datch) Church of America, the Established Church of Scotland, the United Pres Church of Scotland, the English Presbyterian Church, the Irish Presbyterian Church, and the Welsh Calvanistic Methodist Church, the new Church beginning its career with seven Synods, 35 Presbyteries, 23082 Communicants, and 41,196 baptized adherents.

In China, the Masions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., embracing the largest number of missionaries sent to China by any one church organization, have united with the Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S., the Reformed (Extch) Omrch of America, the Presbyterian Church in Camada, the Proabyterian Church in Iroland, the Church of Scotland, the United Free Church of Scotland, and the Presbyterian Church of England in the formation of the Prosbyterian Church of Christ in China, having at present six Synods with a communicant membership, approximately, of 40,000. In this great field, the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. rejoices to have formed co-operative relationships in various Mission efforts with many difforent bodies. In Manking, it maintains a theological seminary with the Southern Presbyteriens. In Hangehow, it receives the young men of the Southern Presbyterian Masion into its college, and proposes to send its young women to the Girls' School of the Southern Prosbytorisms, or to unite in the support of the school. In Namhing, it has united with the Mission of the Poreign Christian Missionary Society (Disciples) in a boys' school, and is making plans for the consolidation of this school and the Methodist University in one great Christian university. It has joined with the Southern Presbytorisms and others in publishing a Chinese religious weekly paper. It has loaned one of its missionaries, still under a salary from the Board, to the Educational Association, representing all the missionary educational interests in Chins. In the province of Shantung, it has established a university in co-operation with the English Baptists, and, in Poking, a union theological seminary in co-operation with the smerican and English

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Church in the U.S.A., the American and the English Congregationalists, the
London Medical Missionary Association, and the Church of England co-operate.
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American Presbyterians is carried on in union and co-operation in North Chins.
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between the various missionary societies at home, and their representatives on the field united at once in the formation of the Evangelical Union of the Philippines, in which the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., the American Methodist Episcopal Church, the United Brothron, the American Baptist Missionary Union, and the American Board Joined. Arrangements have just been made for the joint Ownership and administration of a mission hospital at Iloilo by the American Presbyterians and the American Baptists, the Raptists purchasing a half interest in the plant established by the Presbyterians.

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Rev. Robert E. Speer,

156 Fifth Ave., City.

My dear Brother:-

I received your valued favor of the 7th concerning the relations between Baptists and Presbyterians in Mission work in Mexico City. A great pressure of business has prevented an earlier reply.

I beg to assure you that we highly appreciate the pains you have taken to get the facts in the case, and to assure you of our gratification that you have decided not to strengthen your work in the immediate vicinity of our long-established church, but to locate further away; and this, too, notwithstanding the desire of your principal representative in Mexico City to build on the premises now occupied. You certainly have been actuated by a most generous spirit of Christian comity in this matter, and I am sure it will afford the Society pleasure to reciprocate in case at any time in future a situation might arise in which it, would be advisable for us to refrain from occupying a field closely adjacent to your dwn.

Thanking you for the courtesy shown us in this action and in your communication, I remain,

Very truly yours,

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Rev. Arthur J. Brown, D.D.,

156 Fifth Avenue, City.

Dear Sir:-

I am informed that your representatives in the City of Mexico contemplate opening a chapel where their printing office is located, only about two blocks from the Baptist Church and in the centre of our school and mission work in which we have been engaged for more than twenty years. We have felt that that particular district was properly our own, and we still feel that the large City of Mexico affords other locations which might be occupied for mission purposes without trenching upon the field that we have so long cultivated. It seems that it would be in the interests of harmony and peace for your representatives to locate a chapel elsewhere than in such close proximity to our own. May we not hope that your counsels will prevail upon them to do so?

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Mr. Robert E. Speer,

156 Fifth Avenue, City.

My dear Brother:-

I am in receipt of your esteemed favor of the 21st, and I desire to express our appreciation of the attitude of Dr. Brown and yourself in regard to the impingement by your representatives in the City of Mexico.

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512 Fourth Avenue,

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Fittsburgh, Pa. January 50, 1929

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It seems to us that these conferences must be under the direction and inspiration of our common Lord, meeting, as they are, sithout consulte tion or design, for similar purposes in the same city and at the same time. We pray that the gracious Father of us all may guide you in your deliberations and bring us all more closely together in the essential unity of the Spirit and the Body of Christ.

Very truly yours,

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The Joint Committee adjourned at 4:30 P.M. to reconvene in Parlor 6

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Members present:

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Dr. Robert E. Speer

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Dr. Wa. H. Black

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Mr. T. D. McCloskey

Methodist Group

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By request a brief statement of "Wherein Presbyterians and Methodists are alike", previously read before the Methodist Group, was made by Dr. Ray Allen.

Informal discussion of the earnest desire for organic union and comity continued throughout the remainder of the morning. Those taking part were: Dr. Thompson, Dr. Mudge, Dr. Vance, Dr. Merrill, Bishop McDowell, and others.

A recess at 12;15 P.M. was taken until 2 P.M. for luncheon at the .m. Ponn Hotel.

At 2 P.M. the joint committee reconvened, continuing the informal discussion of the morning, Dr. Robert E. Speer speaking to the inspiration of the cinference.

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> Pittsburgh, Pa. January 30, 1929

To the Presbyterian and Methodist Episcopal Committees;

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We are happy to learn of the meeting of representatives of Presbyteriansand Methodists to consider ways and means of closer fellowship between your great religious bodies, and we are glad to inform you of a similar meeting now being held at the Tilliam Penn Hotel of this city for the similar purpose of promoting friendship and cooperation between the Northern Beptists and the Disciples of Christ. Wishing you joy and good success, and the blessing of our common Lord, we are

Very truly yours,

L. M. D. Wells Elijah A. Hanley

The following reply was prepared and sent to that Joint Conference:

Pittsburgh, Pa. January 30, 1929

To the Northern Baptists and Disciples of Christ Committees:

Brothren:

We acknowledge with feelings of high respect and brotherly love the greetings of the Joint Conference of the Northern Baptists and the Disciples of Christ who are met in this city of Pittsburgh at the same time the Prosbyterian Church in the U.S.A. and the Methodiat Episcopal Church are having a joint conference for conversations respecting questions of church unity and cemity.

It seems to us that these conferences must be under the direction and inspiration of our common Lord, meeting, as they are, without consultation or design, for similar purposes in the same city and at the same time. We pray that the gracious Father of us all may guide you in your deliberations and bring us all more closely together in the essential unity of the Spirit and the Body of Christ.

Very truly yours,

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The Joint Committee adjourned at 4:30 P.M. to reconvene in Parlor G of the Mm. Penn Hotel, at 8.00 P.M.

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Promptly at 8.00 P.M. the Joint Committee reconvened in Farlor G. of the Wm. Penn Hotel. Bishop Welch called the committee to order in the temporary absence of the permanent chairman, Dr. Stevenson. Prayer was

offered by Dr. Shearingen. The minutes of the preceding sessions were read and approved. Dr. Vance reported the receipt of a telegram from the National Staff of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. expressing its hope for positive advance in our negotiations.

The report of the committee appointed in the afternoon to prepare a statement was then read by Dr. Stevenson. The report was as follows:

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It recognizes the difficulties in the way, but it cherishes this ideal of organic union as the goal to which we are bound to direct our earnest and immedicate effort, and it expresses its resolute purpose to proceed at once to the consideration of the practicability and method of the organic union of the two churches which it represents.

It was voted to provide immediately for the appointment of two committees, one to consider the questions of polity and doctrine involved, and the other to consider the questions of the administrative work and property interests of the two churches, to report at a later meeting of this Conference.

It was voted also to advise the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions of the two churches, of the conviction of this Conference that it should have allowed in a convention and unity in work, and to support, as far as possible, the effort for organic union of all the evengelical churches on the mission fields."

It was moved by Bishop McDowell, and seconded by Dr. Thompson, that the report be adopted. It was unanimously adopted.

Bishop McDowell then moved that each of the other committees authorized at the formula of the same to be left to the nomination of the two chairmen. Dr. Thompson moved that the two chairmen be made members of the two committees, one of each. Both motions prevailed. The committees named agre as follows:

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Dr. J. A. Vance

Dr. h. 0. Thompson

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Bishop F. D. Leete

Dean James A. James

Mr. M. F. Conder

#### Doctrine and Polity

Bishop W.F. McDowell, Chairman

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# The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America

#### OFFICE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

EXECUTIVE HEAD

REV. LEWIS S. MUDGE, D.D., LL.D.

STATED CLERK

November 12, 1950.

GENERAL OFFICE 514 WITHERSPOON BUILDING PHILADELPHIA, PA.

President Charles M. Jacobs, Philadelphia, Pa. President F. H. Knubel, D.D., New York.

Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., Secretary, The United Lutheran Church in America, 39 East 35th Street, New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Scherer:

In accordance with your request I am forwarding you herewith a statement which our Department of Church Cooperation and Union proposed to the Methodist as something in which we might join at the present status of our negotiations. Permit me to say that I do not know that any of us have any definite ideas of precisely what the reasons were which rendered this statement unsatisfactory to our Methodist brethren. I make this remark in view of somethings that we said incidentally at our delightful conference at Princeton yesterday. It would be, and I am sure that Dr. Stevenson and Dr. Speer will join with me in this declaration, quite unfair to the Methodist Committee to single out anyone of these paragraphs as unsatisfactory to them. We really do not know what their mind is in this connection except that they have not agreed to unite with us in this statement.

with kindest regards and earnest hopes that our very delightful fellowship may be continued not only in the ways planned at our conference of yesterday, but in any other directions as God in his wisdom and grace may lead us,

Yours sincerely,

Lowis S. Mudge Stated Clerk At a two-day, unofficial gathering held for prayer, fellowship, and conference, the following men,

Rev. John M. Alexander, D. D., Birmingham, Alabama,

Rev. H. Ray Anderson, D. D., Chicago, Illinois,

Rev. Frederick W. Backemeyer, Gary, Indiana,

Rev. W. Oliver Brackett, Jr., Ph.D., Lake Forest, Illinois,

Rev. Henry S. Brown, D. D., Princeton, New Jersey,

Rev. Robert Excell Fry, D. D., Augusta, Georgia,

Rev. Raymond V. Kearns, D. D., Salina, Kansas,

Rev. John S. Land, D. D., New Orleans, Louisiana,

Rev. Ralph Waldo Lloyd, D. D., Maryville, Tennessee, and

Rev. Stuart R. Oglesby, D. D., Atlanta, Georgia,

(all present and participating in the deliberations), agreed unanimously upon the following proposal:

"IT IS PROPOSED that the Presbyterian Church, U. S. and the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. -- recognizing their common origin, their identity in faith and order, and their oneness of purpose to further the redemptive work of Christ in the world; and, desiring to reestablish their former unity -- enter into organic reunion according to a plan somewhat after the following fashion:

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- 5. In the main, such enterprises as foreign missions, pensions, and publications to center in the general assembly; and, in the main, such enterprises as Christian education, national or home missions to center in the enlarged synods."

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